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Memorandum

TO: Minority Citizens Advisory Committee

DATE: March 4, 2008

FR: Pam Grove, Public Information Officer

RE: Community Liaison Officer's Report – March 2008

Transportation 2035 Community-Based Outreach and Involvement

As part of the outreach for the Transportation 2035 plan, MTC is inviting community-based organizations, not-for-profit organizations, or faith-based organizations to submit a proposal to assist MTC with a series of focus groups. One primary objective of the regional transportation plan is to ensure that a range of low-income communities and communities of color from throughout the nine Bay Area counties are consulted on critical transportation issues, such as access to the Bay Area's transportation system and gaps in service. Up to nine separate contracts may be awarded for focus groups to be held in locations throughout the San Francisco Bay region.

Interested organizations are asked to submit one copy of their proposal to MTC no later than Monday, March 24, 2008 at 4 p.m. More information on the proposal's scope of work and the actual RFP can be found on MTC's Web site at:

http://www.mtc.ca.gov/jobs/T2035_CBO_RFP.htm

Further inquiries should be directed to the project manager at:

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If you know of a community-based organization, not-for-profit organization or faith-based organization with strong ties to communities of color or communities of concern, please encourage them to consider submitting a proposal to MTC.

Job Access and Reverse Commute Program – Caltrans Call for Projects

Caltrans Division of Mass Transportation is currently soliciting projects in small urban and rural areas throughout the state for the Federal Transportation Administration's Job Access and

Reverse Commute (“JARC”) Program (49 USC Section 5316). The JARC Program provides grants for projects designed to transport welfare recipients and eligible low-income individuals to and from employment and employment-related activities, particularly to suburban and rural job locations. Eligible recipients include private non-profit organizations, state or local governments authorities, and operators of public transportation services. The target programming amount for the Bay Area's small urban areas is about \$430,000; for rural areas, there is only a statewide target, which is about \$860,000. The minimum local match requirement is 20 percent for capital projects and 50 percent for operations projects. Applications are subject to a statewide competitive selection process. Applications are due to Caltrans on April 2, 2008. For additional information and to obtain an application form, please refer to http://www.mtc.ca.gov/funding/FTA/new_freedom.htm. For questions, please contact Bill Walker at 916.654.9986 or Bill.Walker_jr@dot.ca.gov.

MTC High School Internship Applications Now Due

As no doubt reported by the Internship Subcommittee, the 2008 MTC High School Internship program is now underway, and applications are currently being accepted from students. To apply, students must submit a completed application packet with all required documents to:

Attn: High School Internship Coordinator
Metropolitan Transportation Commission
101 8th Street
Oakland, CA 94607

Application packets may also be faxed to 510-817-5848 (no e-mail applications)

Applications are due by **Friday, March 28, 2008**. For more information on the program, contact the High School Internship Coordinator at 510-817-5807 or highschool@mtc.ca.gov, or visit MTC's Web site at http://www.mtc.ca.gov/jobs/high_school/.

MTC Awards Once Again Spotlight Great Achievements in Transportation

Do you know a person or organization who has made an extraordinary contribution to the way people get around in the Bay Area? MTC urges you to recommend them for an award. MTC's awards program recognizes individuals, projects and organizations that develop new and better ways to help people get where they're going each day. An example of the types of efforts MTC is seeking to honor include:

- innovative activities that promote efficient use of the transportation network;
- significant efforts to inform and educate the public about transportation issues;
- a bus or train operator, or other transportation employee, who has gone above the call of duty;
- efforts to boost smart growth;
- successful efforts to improve transit service and encourage the use of alternatives to driving alone.

MTC also is looking for nominations for five special awards that are part of MTC's awards program.

- **The Miriam Gholikely Award** recognizes extraordinary accomplishments in the field of community service, volunteerism, advocacy, leadership or minority affairs.
- **The Doris W. Kahn Accessible Transportation Award** honors a person or organization whose efforts have resulted in significant improvement in transportation services for the elderly or persons with disabilities.
- **The John F. Foran Legislative Award** honors a state or federal legislator whose work has had a positive effect on transportation.
- **The Greta Ericson Distinguished Service Award** recognizes long-term, quality leadership in the transportation profession.
- **The David Tannehill Special Employee Award** is intended for a transportation employee who goes beyond the call of duty.

The deadline for nominations is Friday, May 9, 2006. A jury of MTC Commissioners, staff and the general public will select winners. A nomination form is attached. To submit a nomination online, go to www.mtc.ca.gov, or call the MTC Public Information Office at 510.817.5757.

Meeting Reminders

- **Transportation 2035 Joint Advisors Workshop**
Thursday, April 3, 2008, 12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
MetroCenter Auditorium
- **Transportation 2035 Equity Analysis Subcommittee**
Tuesday, March 18, 2008, 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.
MetroCenter Fishbowl Conference Room (Third Floor)
- **Lifeline/EJ Subcommittee**
Thursday, March 27, 2008, 3 p.m. – 5 p.m.
MetroCenter Fishbowl Conference Room (Third Floor)